

V. REMARKS

Claim 1 is provisionally rejected on the grounds of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claim 1 of co-pending Application No. 10/697,004. It is respectfully submitted that claims 1 and 6, as amended, include features that are not disclosed in the co-pending application 10/697004. Therefore, the present application is neither identical to the co-pending application nor are the claims an obvious variation of the claims of the co-pending application.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

In the final Office Action, claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 USC 103 (a) as being unpatentable over Moteji et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,817,946) in view of Loose et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,517,433). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1, as amended, is directed to a gaming machine that includes game result display means for displaying a game result thereon and beneficial state generating means for generating a beneficial state for a player when a predetermined game result is displayed on the game result display means. Claim 1 recites that the game result display means includes first display means and second display means arranged in front of a display area of the first display means when seen from a front side of the gaming machine and the second display means conducts a demonstration display in which a background thereof is displayed in a dark color so that the game result on the first display means is difficult to be seen and light transmitting symbols are variably displayed in the background, after the game result is displayed on the first display means. Further, claim 1 recites that at least one light transmitting symbol includes a light transmittable portion and a part of the game result on the first display means is seen only through the light transmittable portion of the at least one light transmitting symbol while the at least one light transmitting symbol is variably displayed on the second display means.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of claim 1 as amended. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least one light transmitting symbol includes a light transmittable portion and a part of the game result on the first display means is seen only through the light transmittable portion of the at least one light transmitting symbol while the at least one light transmitting symbol is variably displayed on the second display means. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the second display means conducts a demonstration display in which a background thereof is displayed in a dark color so that the game result on the first display means is difficult to be seen and light transmitting symbols are variably displayed in the background after the game result is displayed on the first display means. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the features of the applied art because such combination would not result in the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 1 is allowable over the applied art.

Claim 6, as amended, is directed to a gaming machine that includes game result display means for displaying a game result thereon and beneficial state generating means for generating a beneficial state for a player when a predetermined game result is displayed on the game result display means. Claim 6 recites that the game result display means includes first display means and second display means arranged in front of a display area of the first display means when seen from a front side of the gaming machine and the second display means conducts demonstration display in which a background thereof is displayed in dark color so that the game result on the first display means is not seen and light transmitting symbols are variably displayed in the background, after the game result is displayed on the first display means. Additionally, claim 6 recites that at least one light transmitting symbol includes a light transmittable portion and a part of the game result on the first display means is seen only through the light transmittable portion of the at least one light

transmitting symbol while the at least one light transmitting symbol is variably displayed on the second display means.

It is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the features of claim 6 as amended. Specifically, it is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests at least one light transmitting symbol includes a light transmittable portion and a part of the game result on the first display means is seen only through the light transmittable portion of the at least one light transmitting symbol while the at least one light transmitting symbol is variably displayed on the second display means. Furthermore, it is respectfully submitted that none of the applied art, alone or in combination, teaches or suggests the second display means conducts demonstration display in which a background thereof is displayed in dark color so that the game result on the first display means is not seen and light transmitting symbols are variably displayed in the background after the game result is displayed on the first display means. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that one of ordinary skill in the art would not be motivated to combine the features of the applied art because such combination would not result in the claimed invention. As a result, it is respectfully submitted that claim 6 is allowable over the applied art.

Claims 2-5 depend from claim 1 and includes all of the features of claim 1. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the dependent claims are allowable at least for the reason claim 1 is allowable as well as for the features they recite.

Support for the newly-added features of claims 1 and 6 are disclosed in paragraph [0070], lines 1-4, in the specification.

Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Further, Applicants assert that there are also reasons other than those set forth above why the pending claims are patentable. Applicants hereby reserve the

right to submit those other reasons and to argue for the patentability of claims not explicitly addressed herein in future papers.

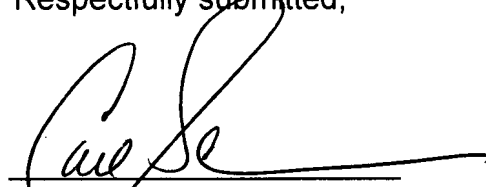
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

Should additional fees be necessary in connection with the filing of this paper or if a Petition for Extension of Time is required for timely acceptance of the same, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 18-0013 for any such fees and Applicant(s) hereby petition for such extension of time.

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